

AGENDA

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 • 2:00 p.m. • Room C450 State Capitol

Approximate
Time Frame

- 2:00 1. Committee Business**
- Call to order
 - Approval of the minutes of the April 16, 2008 meeting
- 2:05 2. Statistical Report - Department of Human Resource Management**
During the October 17, 2007 meeting, representatives of the Department of Human Resource Management gave a report on total state employee compensation based on the results of their annual compensation surveys. The Committee raised several questions and requested additional information designed to assist the Legislature in making budget decisions regarding compensation. This item is a follow-up to that request.
- Jeff Herring, Department of Human Resource Management
 - Debbie Price, Department of Human Resource Management
- 2:25 3. Utah State Personnel Management Act Revisions**
In recent years, the Department of Human Resource Management has been working on finding ways to improve employee compensation, productivity, and efficiency. What revisions should be made to the state's personnel systems and statutes? What is involved to make any changes? How should the Legislature respond to any proposed changes?
- Jeff Herring, Department of Human Resource Management
 - Debbie Price, Department of Human Resource Management
- 3:00 4. Ballot Coordination Between Local District and Municipal Elections**
Placing local district races on the same ballot as other elections has been explored in recent years for voter convenience. Under Section 17B-1-306, an election for local district board members must be held at the same time as the municipal general election and at polling places designated by the county clerk. The clerk is required to coordinate the placement of local district offices in the nonpartisan section of the municipal general election ballot unless it is not feasible. Exceptions apply for irrigation, electric, and gas improvement districts. What has been done in recent years on this issue? What is the experience of election officers on this issue? What are the reasons and the barriers to improving ballot and polling place coordination at elections? What role could technology advances play on this issue? How should the Legislature respond to these issues?
- Steve S. Rawlings, Davis County
 - Pat Beckstead, Davis County
- 3:35 5. Election Law Changes**
Under Section 20A-1-300.6, the lieutenant governor is Utah's chief elections officer. Each year a number of election issues come up that require consideration by the Legislature. Most of the issues are technical and administrative in nature. Other issues may require a more substantive policy determination. A representative from the lieutenant governor's office will present a list of proposed changes for the Committee's preliminary consideration. How should the Legislature respond to these issues? Should draft legislation be prepared to address issues presented?
- Michael J. Cragun, Office of the Lieutenant Governor
- 4:00 6. Other Items / Adjourn**